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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT

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1. MINISTER OF SOCIAL ACTION AND REFUGEES THACH TOAN, WHO SAW LON NOL THIS MORNING (MAY 23), REPORTS THAT THE MARSHAL HAS WRITTEN LETTERS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND TO THE SOCIO-REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE AS PRESIDENT OF THE PARTY ASKING THEM TO DROP THEIR DEMAND TO INTERPELLATE REPUBLICAN MINISTERS. ON THACH TOAN'S RECOMMENDATION, THE PRESIDENT ALSO CALLED IN THIS MORNING FIVE KEY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIO-REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO TELL THEM THAT THE PRESENT CABINET AND THE COALITION MUST BE PRESERVED.

2. THACH TOAN REPORTS THAT EIGHT OF 29 DEPUTIES WHO SIGNED THE INTERPELLATION PETITION HAVE ALREADY ASSURED HIM OF THEIR ACQUIESCENCE TO LON NOL'S DESIRES, AND HE BELIEVES OTHER WILL FOLLOW SUIT. AS A PALLATIVE TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, THACH TOAN IS SUGGESTING THAT PRIME MINISTER REPLY TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S SUMMONS STATING SIMPLY THAT THE ABSENCE OF KEY MINISTERS PREVENTS MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT

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FROM APPEARING BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY ON MAY 25 AS REQUESTED.

3.COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT LON NOL'S INTERVENTION WILL  
EFFECTIVELY STYMIE ATTEMPTS BY AMBITIOUS SOCIO-REPUBLICANS  
TO UNSEAT THE LONG BORET GOVERNMENT. IN CARRYING THROUGH  
WITH THE PROMISE HE GAVE ME ON MAY 20, LON NOL HAS AGAIN  
DEMONSTRATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US IN  
MAINTAINING POLITICAL-ECONOMIC-MILITARY STABILITY.  
DEAN

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